

# THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS AND EASTER

Daily Readings: 2019-2020

Year Two – Proper

Our Lord desires that his children, his Church, be drawn together in the unity of truth and in the bonds of affection. Learning to read and speak God's truth together in the same ways is one path to this. *Taking Gathered Worship Home* (TGWH) has been developed for you to use in the private worship of your home, whether you are married or single, and whether or not you have children. It is a tool to knit us together throughout the church year. While we would encourage the use of the weekly prayer and daily lectionary in its entirety, you are certainly free to adapt these materials to your particular circumstances and personal/family worship time.

The first component listed for each week is a written **prayer** for your use during that particular week. It generally follows the theme set by the scripture readings used in the Divine Service on that Sunday. These prayers are taken from *The Lutheran Service Book* (2007).

The second component of TGWH is the week's suggested **Bible reading**. The readings are adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *Book of Common Worship*. They are arranged in a two-year cycle and provide for reading twice through the New Testament and once through much of the Old Testament. The readings reflect the seasons and festivals of the Christian year and come from the Psalter, the Old Testament, the Pastoral Epistles, and the Gospels. Often the readings will be connected thematically, giving us a wonderful way to receive the "whole counsel of God."

The third component are the 129 questions and answers from the **Heidelberg Catechism** which has been divided into 52 weeks, starting in Advent (December) and concluding at the end of the Church Year (November).

It takes a great deal of planning, discipline, and commitment to form this habit of daily reading and praying, but it is one of inestimable value in our "conforming to the likeness of Christ." May God use these elements in our private worship to draw us together in unity and affection, for his glory and the building up of his Church.

## FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

*Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147  
Amos 1:1-5, 13—2:5  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Luke 21:5-19  
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3  
Amos 2:6-16  
2 Peter 1:1-11  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Evening Psalter – 4, 7

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6  
Amos 3:1-11  
2 Peter 1:12-21  
Matthew 21:12-22  
Evening Psalter – 10, 11

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24  
Amos 3:12—4:5  
2 Peter 3:1-10  
Matthew 21:23-32  
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19  
Amos 4:6-13  
2 Peter 3:11-18  
Matthew 21:33-46  
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17  
Amos 5:1-17  
Jude 1-16  
Matthew 22:1-14  
Evening Psalter – 22

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21  
Amos 5:18-27  
Jude 17-25  
Matthew 22:15-22  
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

**A.** That I am not my own,<sup>[1]</sup> but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,<sup>[2]</sup> to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.<sup>[3]</sup>

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood<sup>[4]</sup>, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.<sup>[5]</sup> He also preserves me in such a way<sup>[6]</sup> that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;<sup>[7]</sup> indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>[8]</sup>

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life<sup>[9]</sup> and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.<sup>[10]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 6:19, 20

[2] Rom. 14:7-9.

[3] 1 Cor. 3:23; Tit. 2:14.

[4] 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; 1 John 1:7; 2:2.

[5] John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14, 15; 1 John 3:8.

[6] John 6:39, 40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5.

[7] Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18.

[8] Rom. 8:28.

[9] Rom. 8:15, 16; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13, 14.

[10] Rom. 8:14.

### Q. 2. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**A.** First, how great my sins and misery are;<sup>[1]</sup> second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;<sup>[2]</sup> third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Rom. 3:9, 10; 1 John 1:10.

[2] John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43.

[3] Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 1 Pet. 2:9, 10.

## SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

*Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that at his second coming we may worship him in purity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 3. From where do you know your sins and misery?**

**A.** From the law of God. <sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Rom. 3: 20.

**Q. 4. What does God's law require of us?**

**A.** Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22:

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.  
<sup>[1]</sup> This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. <sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Deut. 6:5.

[2] Lev. 19:18.

**Q. 5. Can you keep all this perfectly?**

**A.** No, <sup>[1]</sup> I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbor. <sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Rom. 3:10, 23; 1 John 1:8, 10.

[2] Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:23; 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Tit. 3:3.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150  
Amos 6:1-14  
2 Thessalonians 1:5-12  
Luke 1:57-66  
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Amos 7:1-9  
Revelation 1:1-8  
Matthew 22:23-33  
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28  
Amos 7:10-17  
Revelation 1:9-16  
Matthew 22:34-46  
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38  
Amos 8:1-14  
Revelation 1:17—2:7  
Matthew 23:1-12  
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17  
Amos 9:1-10  
Revelation 2:8-17  
Matthew 23:13-26  
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31  
Haggai 1:1-15  
Revelation 2:18-29  
Matthew 23:27-39  
Evening Psalter – 35

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32  
Haggai 2:1-9  
Revelation 3:1-6  
Matthew 24:1-14  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

## THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

*Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation; now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98  
Amos 9:11-15  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17  
John 5:30-47  
Evening Psalter – 103

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52  
Zechariah 1:7-17  
Revelation 3:7-13  
Matthew 24:15-31  
Evening Psalter – 44

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45  
Zechariah 2:1-13  
Revelation 3:14-22  
Matthew 24:32-44  
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72  
Zechariah 3:1-10  
Revelation 4:1-8  
Matthew 24:45-51  
Evening Psalter – 49

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50  
Zechariah 4:1-14  
Revelation 4:9-5:5  
Matthew 25:1-13  
Evening Psalter – 33

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54  
Zechariah 7:8-8:8  
Revelation 5:6-14  
Matthew 25:14-30  
Evening Psalter – 51

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 80  
Zechariah 8:9-17  
Revelation 6:1-17  
Matthew 25:31-46  
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 6. Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?**

**A.** No, on the contrary, God created man good<sup>[1]</sup> and in his image,<sup>[2]</sup> that is, in true righteousness and holiness,<sup>[3]</sup> so that he might rightly know God his Creator,<sup>[4]</sup> heartily love Him, and live with him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify Him.<sup>[5]</sup>

[1] Gen. 1:31.

[2] Gen. 1:26, 27.

[3] Eph. 4:24.

[4] Col. 3:10.

[5] Ps. 8.

**Q. 7. From where, then, did man's depraved nature come?**

**A.** From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise,<sup>[1]</sup> for there our nature became so corrupt<sup>[2]</sup> that we are all conceived and born in sin.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Gen. 3. [2] Rom. 5:12, 18, 19. [3] Ps. 51:5.

**Q. 8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined to all evil?**

**A.** Yes,<sup>[1]</sup> unless we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Is. 53:6.

[2] John 3:3-5.

## FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

#### Q. 9. Is God, then, not unjust by requiring in his law what man cannot do?

A. No, for God so created man that he was able to do it.<sup>[1]</sup> But man, at the instigation of the devil,<sup>[2]</sup> in deliberate disobedience<sup>[3]</sup> robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.<sup>[4]</sup>

[1] Gen. 1:31.

[2] Gen. 3:13; John 8:44; 1 Tim. 2:13, 14.

[3] Gen. 3:6.

[4] Rom. 5:12, 18, 19.

#### Q. 10. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore he will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally,<sup>[1]</sup> as he has declared:<sup>[2]</sup> Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them (Galatians 3:10).

[1] Ex. 34:7; Ps. 5:4-6; 7:10; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 1:18; 5:12; Eph. 5:6; Heb. 9:27.

[2] Deut. 27:26.

#### Q. 11. But is God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful,<sup>[1]</sup> but he is also just.<sup>[2]</sup> His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Ex. 20:6; 34:6, 7; Ps. 103:8, 9.

[2] Ex. 20:5; 34:7; Deut. 7:9-11; Ps. 5:4-6; Heb. 10:30, 31.

[3] Matt. 25:45-46.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Revelation 12:1-12  
John 3:16-21  
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Titus 1:1-16  
Luke 1:1-25  
Evening Psalter – 112, 115

#### TUESDAY | CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning Psalter – 45, 46  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Galatians 3:23-4:7  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Evening Psalter – 89:1-29

#### WEDNESDAY | CHRISTMAS DAY

Morning Psalter – 2, 85  
Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4  
1 John 4:7-16  
John 3:31-36  
Evening Psalter – 110, 132

#### THURSDAY | 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 116, 149  
2 Chronicles 24:17-22  
Acts 6:1-7  
Acts 7:59—8:8  
Evening Psalter – 27, 119:1-24

#### FRIDAY | 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 72  
2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Titus 2:11—3:8a  
Luke 1:39-56  
Evening Psalter – 111, 113

#### SATURDAY | 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 2, 147:1-11  
Isaiah 49:13-23  
Isaiah 54:1-13  
Matthew 18:1-14  
Evening Psalter – 110, 111

## FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMAS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in your name, we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### SUNDAY | 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 93, 96  
1 Samuel 1:1-28  
Colossians 1:9-20  
Luke 2:22-40  
Evening Psalter – 34

### MONDAY | 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 20, 21  
1 Kings 17:17-24  
3 John 1-15  
John 4:46-54  
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

### TUESDAY | 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 46, 48  
1 Kings 19:3:5-14  
James 4:13-17, 5:7-11  
John 5:1-15  
Evening Psalter – 90

### WEDNESDAY | 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 103  
Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12  
Revelation 19:11-16  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Evening Psalter – 148

### THURSDAY | 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 34  
1 Kings 19:1-18  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:1-14  
Evening Psalter – 33

### FRIDAY | 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 68  
1 Kings 19:9-18  
Ephesians 4:17-32  
John 6:15-27  
Evening Psalter – 72

### SATURDAY | 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 85, 87  
Joshua 3:14-47  
Ephesians 5:1-21  
John 9:1-12, 35-38  
Evening Psalter – 136

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 12. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?**

**A.** God demands that his justice be satisfied.<sup>[1]</sup> Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Ex. 20:5; 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11.

[2] Is. 53:11; Rom. 8:3, 4.

**Q. 13. Can we ourselves make this payment?**

**A.** Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Ps. 130:3; Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4, 5.

**Q. 14. Can any mere creature pay for us?**

**A.** No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed.<sup>[1]</sup> Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18.

[2] Ps. 130:3; Nah. 1:6.

**Q. 15. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?**

**A.** One who is a true<sup>[1]</sup> and righteous<sup>[2]</sup> man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17.

[2] Is. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26.

[3] Is. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1; Rom. 8:3, 4.

## FIRST WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

*Father in heaven, as at the baptism in the Jordan River you once proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in his name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

#### Q. 16. Why must he be a true and righteous man?

**A.** He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin.<sup>[1]</sup> He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Rom: 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16.

[2] Heb. 7:26, 27; 1 Pet. 3:18.

#### Q. 17. Why must he at the same time be true God?

**A.** He must be true God so that by the power of his divine nature<sup>[1]</sup> He might bear in his human nature the burden of God's wrath,<sup>[2]</sup> and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Is. 9:5.

[2] Deut. 4:24; Nah. 1:6; Ps. 130:3.

[3] Is. 53:5, 11; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21.

#### Q. 18. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

**A.** Our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>[1]</sup> whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30).

[1] Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; 1 Tim. 2:5; 3:16.

#### Q. 19. From where do you know this?

**A.** From the holy gospel, which God himself first revealed in Paradise.<sup>[1]</sup> Later, he had it proclaimed by the patriarchs<sup>[2]</sup> and prophets,<sup>[3]</sup> and foreshadowed by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law.<sup>[4]</sup> Finally, he had it fulfilled through his only Son.<sup>[5]</sup>

[1] Gen. 3:15.

[2] Gen. 12:3; 22:18; 49:10.

[3] Is. 53; Jer. 23:5, 6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1.

[4] Lev. 1:7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10.

[5] Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4, 5; Col. 2:17.

#### SUNDAY | 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Morning Psalter – 2, 110:1-7

Jonah 2:2-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 11:17-27, 38-44

Evening Psalter – 29, 98

#### MONDAY | EPIPHANY DAY

Morning Psalter – 46, 97

Isaiah 49:1-7

Revelation 21:22-27

Matthew 12:14-21

Evening Psalter – 96, 100

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 103

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Colossians 1:1-14

John 6:30-33, 48-51

Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 117, 118

Exodus 17:1-7

Colossians 1:15-23

John 7:37-52

Evening Psalter – 112, 113

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 121, 122, 123

Isaiah 45:14-19

Colossians 1:24—2:7

John 8:12-19

Evening Psalter – 131, 132

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 138, 139

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Colossians 2:8-23

John 10:7-17

Evening Psalter – 147

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 150

Isaiah 55:3-9

Colossians 3:1-17

John 14:6-14

Evening Psalter – 91, 92

## SECOND WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

*Almighty and eternal God, Governor of all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant us your peace in our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY | THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Morning Psalter – 146, 147  
Genesis 1:1–2:3  
Ephesians 1:3–14  
John 1:29–34  
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Genesis 2:4–25  
Hebrews 1:1–14  
John 1:1–18  
Evening Psalter – 4, 7

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6  
Genesis 3:1–24  
Hebrews 2:1–10  
John 1:19–34  
Evening Psalter – 10, 11

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1–24  
Genesis 4:1–16  
Hebrews 2:11–18  
John 1:29–42  
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1–19  
Genesis 4:17–26  
Hebrews 3:1–11  
John 1:43–51  
Evening Psalter – 18:20–50

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17  
Genesis 6:1–8  
Hebrews 3:12–19  
John 2:1–12  
Evening Psalter – 22

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21  
Genesis 6:9–22  
Hebrews 4:1–13  
John 2:13–22  
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 20. Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?**

**A.** No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Matt. 7:14; John 1:12; 3:16, 18, 36; Rom. 11:16–21.

**Q. 21. What is true faith?**

**A.** True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word.<sup>[1]</sup> At the same time it is a firm confidence<sup>[2]</sup> that not only to others, but also to me,<sup>[3]</sup> God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation,<sup>[4]</sup> out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.<sup>[5]</sup> This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.<sup>[6]</sup>

[1] John 17:3, 17; Heb. 11:1–3; James 2:19.

[2] Rom. 4:18–21; 5:1; 10:10; Heb. 4:16.

[3] Gal. 2:20.

[4] Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:10.

[5] Rom. 3:20–26; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8–10.

[6] Acts 16:14; Rom. 1:16; 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:21.

**Q. 22. What, then, must a Christian believe?**

**A.** All that is promised us in the Gospel,<sup>[1]</sup> which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

[1] Matt. 28:19; John 20:30, 31.

**Q. 23. What are these articles?**

**A.** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



## THIRD WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

*O Lord God Almighty, because you have always supplied your servants with the several gifts which come from your Holy Spirit alone, leave also us not destitute of your manifold gifts nor of grace to use them always to your honor and glory and the good of others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

#### Q. 24. How are these articles divided?

**A.** Into three parts: the first is about God the Father and our creation; the second about God the Son and our redemption; the third about God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

#### Q. 25. Since there is only one God,<sup>[1]</sup> why do you speak of three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**A.** Because God has so revealed himself in his Word <sup>[2]</sup> that these three distinct persons are the one, true, eternal God.

[1] Deut. 6:4; Is. 44:6; 45:5; 1 Cor. 8:4, 6.

[2] Gen. 1:2, 3; Is. 61:1; 63:8-10; Matt. 3:16, 17; 28:18, 19; Luke 4:18; John 14:26; 15:26; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 4:6; Tit. 3:5, 6.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150  
Genesis 7:1-10  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
Mark 3:7-19  
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Genesis 8:6-22  
Hebrews 4:14—5:6  
John 2:23—3:15  
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28  
Genesis 9:1-17  
Hebrews 5:7-14  
John 3:16-21  
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38  
Genesis 9:18-29  
Hebrews 6:1-12  
John 3:22-36  
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17  
Genesis 11:1-9  
Hebrews 6:13-20  
John 4:1-15  
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31  
Genesis 11:27—12:8  
Hebrews 7:1-17  
John 4:16-26  
Evening Psalter – 35

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32  
Genesis 12:9—13:1  
Hebrews 7:18-28  
John 4:27-42  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

## FOURTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

*Almighty God, because you know that we are set among so many and great dangers that by reason of the weakness of our fallen nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98  
Genesis 13:2-18  
Galatians 2:1-10  
Mark 7:31-37  
Evening Psalter – 103

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52  
Genesis 14:1-24  
Hebrews 8:1-13  
John 4:43-54  
Evening Psalter – 44

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45  
Genesis 15:1-21  
Hebrews 9:1-14  
John 5:1-18  
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72  
Genesis 16:1-14  
Hebrews 9:15-28  
John 5:19-29  
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50  
Genesis 16:15—17:14  
Hebrews 10:1-10  
John 5:30-47  
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54  
Genesis 17:15-27  
Hebrews 10:11-25  
John 6:1-15  
Evening Psalter – 51

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55  
Genesis 18:1-16  
Hebrews 10:26-39  
John 6:16-27  
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 26. What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?**

**A.** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them,<sup>[1]</sup> and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence,<sup>[2]</sup> is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father.<sup>[3]</sup>

In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul,<sup>[4]</sup> and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow.<sup>[5]</sup>

He is able to do so as almighty God,<sup>[6]</sup> and willing also as a faithful Father.<sup>[7]</sup>

[1] Gen. 1 and 2; Ex. 20:11; Job 38 and 39; Ps. 33:6; Is. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15.

[2] Ps. 104:27-30; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11.

[3] John 1:12, 13; Rom. 8:15, 16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5.

[4] Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25, 26; Luke 12:22-31.

[5] Rom. 8:28.

[6] Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39.

[7] Matt. 6:32, 33; 7:9-11.

## FIFTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

O God, our loving Father, through the grace of your Holy Spirit you plant the gifts of your love into the hearts of your faithful people. Grant to your servants soundness of mind and body, so that they may love you with their whole strength and with their whole heart do these things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

#### Q. 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power,<sup>[1]</sup> whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,<sup>[2]</sup> and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,<sup>[3]</sup> indeed, all things, come not by chance<sup>[4]</sup> but by his fatherly hand.<sup>[5]</sup>

[1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28.

[2] Heb. 1:3.

[3] Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2.

[4] Prov. 16:33.

[5] Matt. 10:29.

#### Q. 28. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity,<sup>[1]</sup> thankful in prosperity<sup>[2]</sup> and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love;<sup>[3]</sup> for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.<sup>[4]</sup>

[1] Job. 1:21, 22; Ps. 39:10; James 1:3.

[2] Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18.

[3] Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38, 39.

[4] Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29  
Genesis 18:16-33  
Galatians 5:13-25  
Mark 8:22-30  
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58  
Genesis 19:1-29  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:27-40  
Evening Psalter – 64, 65

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62  
Genesis 21:1-21  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 6:41-51  
Evening Psalter – 68

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 6:52-59  
Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71  
Genesis 23:1-20  
Hebrews 11:32-12:2  
John 6:60-71  
Evening Psalter – 74

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69  
Genesis 24:1-27  
Hebrews 12:3-11  
John 7:1-13  
Evening Psalter – 73

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76  
Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51  
Hebrews 12:12-29  
John 7:14-36  
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

## SIXTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

*O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand the things they ought to do and also may have grace and strength to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96  
Genesis 24:50-67  
2 Timothy 2:14-21  
Mark 10:13-22  
Evening Psalter – 34

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Hebrews 13:1-16  
John 7:37-52  
Evening Psalter – 77, 79

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39  
Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33  
Hebrews 13:17-25  
John 7:53—8:11  
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120  
Genesis 27:1-29  
Romans 12:1-8  
John 8:12-20  
Evening Psalter – 81, 82

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147  
Genesis 27:30-45  
Romans 12:9-21  
John 8:21-32  
Evening Psalter – 85, 86

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 88  
Genesis 27:46—28:4, 10-22  
Romans 13:1-14  
John 8:33-47  
Evening Psalter – 91, 92

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90  
Genesis 29:1-20  
Romans 14:1-23  
John 8:47-59  
Evening Psalter – 136

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?**

**A.** Because he saves us from all our sins,<sup>[1]</sup> and because salvation is not to be sought or found in any one else.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25.

[2] Is. 43:11; John 15:4, 5; Acts 4:11, 12; 1 Tim. 2:5.

**Q. 30. Do those believe in the only Savior Jesus who seek their salvation and well-being from saints, in themselves, or anywhere else?**

**A.** No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior Jesus.<sup>[1]</sup>

For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 1:12, 13; Gal. 5:4.

[2] Col. 1:19, 20; 2:10; 1 John 1:7.

## SEVENTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

*O Lord, keep your family and Church continually in the true faith that they who lean on the hope of your heavenly grace may ever be defended by your mighty power; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

#### Q. 31. Why is he called Christ, that is, Anointed?

**A.** Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit,<sup>[1]</sup> to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,<sup>[2]</sup> who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;<sup>[3]</sup> our only High Priest,<sup>[4]</sup> who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us,<sup>[5]</sup> and who continually intercedes for us before the Father;<sup>[6]</sup> and our eternal King,<sup>[7]</sup> who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.<sup>[8]</sup>

[1] Ps. 45:7 (Heb. 1:9); Is. 61:1 (Luke 4:18); Luke 3:21, 22.

[2] Deut. 18:15 (Acts 3:22).

[3] John 1:18; 15:15.

[4] Ps. 110:4 (Heb. 7:17).

[5] Heb. 9:12; 10:11-14.

[6] Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1.

[7] Zach. 9:9 (Matt. 21:5); Luke 1:33.

[8] Matt. 28:18-20; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10, 11.

#### Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

**A.** Because I am a member of Christ by faith<sup>[1]</sup> and thus share in his anointing,<sup>[2]</sup> so that I may as prophet confess his Name,<sup>[3]</sup> as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him,<sup>[4]</sup> and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life,<sup>[5]</sup> and hereafter reign with him eternally over all creatures.<sup>[6]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

[2] Joel 2:28 (Acts 2:17); 1 John 2:27.

[3] Matt. 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10; Heb. 13:15.

[4] Rom. 12:1; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.

[5] Gal. 5:16, 17; Eph. 6:11; 1 Tim. 1:18, 19.

[6] Matt. 25:34; 2 Tim. 2:12.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67  
Genesis 29:20-35  
1 Timothy 3:14—4:10  
Mark 10:23-31  
Evening Psalter – 19, 46

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18  
Genesis 30:1-24  
1 John 1:1-10  
John 9:1-17  
Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100  
Genesis 31:1-24  
1 John 2:1-11  
John 9:18-41  
Evening Psalter – 94, 95

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109  
Genesis 31:25-50  
1 John 2:12-17  
John 10:1-18  
Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22  
Genesis 32:3-21  
1 John 2:18-29  
John 10:19-30  
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102  
Genesis 32:22–33:17  
1 John 3:1-10  
John 10:31-42  
Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43; 108  
Genesis 35:1-20  
1 John 3:11-18  
John 11:1-16  
Evening Psalter – 33

## LAST WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

*O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you once confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the ancient fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud you wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace. Therefore mercifully make us coheirs with our King of his glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY | The Transfiguration

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150  
Malachi 4:1-6  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Luke 9:18-36  
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12  
Philippians 2:1-13  
John 18:15-18, 25-27  
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28  
Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33  
Philippians 3:1-11  
John 18:28-38  
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 32, 95, 143  
Amos 5:6-15  
Hebrews 12:1-14  
Luke 18:9-14  
Evening Psalter – 102, 130

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17  
Habakkuk 3:1-19  
Philippians 3:12-21  
John 17:1-8  
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Philippians 4:1-9  
John 17:9-19  
Evening Psalter – 35

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32  
Ezekiel 39:21-29  
Philippians 4:10-23  
John 17:20-26  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 33. Why is he called God's only begotten Son, since we also are children of God?**

**A.** Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.<sup>[1]</sup> We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] John 1:1-3, 14, 18; 3:16; Rom. 8:32; Heb. 1; 1 John 4:9.

[2] John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:5, 6.

**Q. 34. Why do you call him our Lord?**

**A.** Because he has ransomed us, body and soul,<sup>[1]</sup> from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood,<sup>[2]</sup> and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6.

[2] 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

[3] Col. 1:13, 14; Heb. 2:14, 15.

## FIRST WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

*O almighty and eternal God, we implore you to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments that through your mighty protection, both now and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 35. What do you confess when you say: he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary?**

**A.** The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God,<sup>[1]</sup> took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary<sup>[2]</sup> through the working of the Holy Spirit.<sup>[3]</sup> Thus he is also the true seed of David,<sup>[4]</sup> and like his brothers in every respect,<sup>[5]</sup> yet without sin.<sup>[6]</sup>

[1] John 1:1; 10:30-36; Rom. 1:3; 9:5; Col. 1:15-17; 1 John 5:20.

[2] Matt. 1:18-23; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14.

[3] Luke 1:35.

[4] 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:32; Rom. 1:3.

[5] Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:17.

[6] Heb. 4:15; 7:26, 27.

**Q. 36. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?**

**A.** He is our Mediator,<sup>[1]</sup> and with his innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 9:13-15.

[2] Rom. 8:3, 4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4, 5; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98  
Daniel 9:3-10  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
John 12:44-50  
Evening Psalter – 103

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52  
Genesis 37:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-19  
Mark 1:1-13  
Evening Psalter – 44

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45  
Genesis 37:12-24  
1 Corinthians 1:20-31  
Mark 1:14-28  
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72  
Genesis 37:25-36  
1 Corinthians 2:1-13  
Mark 1:29-45  
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50  
Genesis 39:1-23  
1 Corinthians 2:14—3:15  
Mark 2:1-12  
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54  
Genesis 40:1-23  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Mark 2:13-22  
Evening Psalter – 51

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55  
Genesis 41:1-13  
1 Corinthians 4:1-7  
Mark 2:23—3:6  
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

## SECOND WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

*O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29  
Genesis 41:14-45  
Romans 6:3-14  
John 5:19-24  
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58  
Genesis 41:46-57  
1 Corinthians 4:8-21  
Mark 3:7-19  
Evening Psalter – 64, 65

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62  
Genesis 42:1-17  
1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Mark 3:19-35  
Evening Psalter – 68

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72  
Genesis 42:18-28  
1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11  
Mark 4:1-20  
Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71  
Genesis 42:29-38  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Mark 4:21-34  
Evening Psalter – 74

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69  
Genesis 43:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9  
Mark 4:35-41  
Evening Psalter – 73

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76  
Genesis 43:16-34  
1 Corinthians 7:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20  
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 37. What do you confess when you say that he suffered?**

**A.** During all the time he lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.<sup>[1]</sup>

Thus, by his suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice,<sup>[2]</sup> he has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation,<sup>[3]</sup> and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.<sup>[4]</sup>

[1] Is. 53; 1 Tim. 2:6; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18.

[2] Rom. 3:25; 1 Cor. 5:7; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 10:14; 1 John 2:2; 4:10.

[3] Rom. 8:1-4; Gal. 3:13; Col. 1:13; Heb. 9:12; 1 Pet 1:18, 19.

[4] John 3:16; Rom. 3:24-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:15.

**Q. 38. Why did he suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?**

**A.** Though innocent, Christ was condemned by an earthly judge,<sup>[1]</sup> and so he freed us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Luke 23:13-24; John 19:4, 12-16.

[2] Is. 53:4, 5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13.

**Q. 39. Does it have a special meaning that Christ was crucified and did not die in a different way?**

**A.** Yes. Thereby I am assured that he took upon himself the curse which lay on me, for a crucified one was cursed by God.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13.



## THIRD WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

*Almighty God, because you know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 40. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?**

**A.** Because of the justice and truth of God<sup>[1]</sup> satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Gen. 2:17.

[2] Rom. 8:3; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9, 14, 15.

**Q. 41. Why was he buried?**

**A.** His burial testified that he had really died.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Is. 53:9; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor. 15:3,4.

**Q. 42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?**

**A.** Our death is not a payment for our sins, but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] John 5:24; Phil. 1:21-23; 1 Thess. 5:9, 10.

**Q. 43. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?**

**A.** Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with Him,<sup>[1]</sup> so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us,<sup>[2]</sup> but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Rom. 6:5-11; Col. 2:11, 12.

[2] Rom. 6:12-14.

[3] Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:1, 2.

**Q. 44. Why is there added: he descended into hell?**

**A.** In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which he endured throughout all his sufferings<sup>[1]</sup> but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Ps. 18:5, 6; 116:3; Matt. 26:36-46; 27:45, 46; Heb. 5:7-10.

[2] Is. 53.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96  
Genesis 44:1-17  
Romans 8:1-10  
John 5:25-29  
Evening Psalter – 34

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80  
Genesis 44:18-34  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Mark 5:21-43  
Evening Psalter – 77, 79

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39  
Genesis 45:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
Mark 6:1-13  
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120  
Genesis 45:16-28  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 6:13-29  
Evening Psalter – 81, 82

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 83  
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34  
1 Corinthians 9:1-15  
Mark 6:30-46  
Evening Psalter – 85, 86

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 88  
Genesis 47:1-26  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 6:47-56  
Evening Psalter – 91, 92

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90  
Genesis 47:27—48:7  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Mark 7:1-23  
Evening Psalter – 136

## FOURTH WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning, and though we have in no way deserved your goodness, you still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67  
Genesis 48:8-22  
Romans 8:11-25  
John 6:27-40  
Evening Psalter – 19, 46

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18  
Genesis 49:1-28  
1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1  
Mark 7:24-37  
Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100  
Genesis 49:29—50:14  
1 Corinthians 11:2-34  
Mark 8:1-10  
Evening Psalter – 94, 95

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109  
Genesis 50:15-26  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Mark 8:11-26  
Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 69  
Exodus 1:6-22  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
Mark 8:27—9:1  
Evening Psalter – 73

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102  
Exodus 2:1-22  
1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3  
Mark 9:2-13  
Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43, 108  
Exodus 2:23—3:15  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Mark 9:14-29  
Evening Psalter – 33

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Q. 45. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**A.** First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death.<sup>[1]</sup>

Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life.<sup>[2]</sup>

Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:16-20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

[2] Rom. 6:5-11; Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 3:1-4.

[3] Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:12-23; Phil. 3:20, 21.

## FIFTH WEEK IN LENT – SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

*Almighty and eternal God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 46. What do you confess when you say, he ascended into heaven?**

**A.** That Christ, before the eyes of his disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven,<sup>[1]</sup> and that he is there for our benefit<sup>[2]</sup> until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50, 51; Acts 1:9-11.

[2] Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:14; 7:23-25; 9:24.

[3] Matt. 24:30; Acts 1:11.

**Q. 47. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as he has promised us?<sup>[1]</sup>**

**A.** Christ is true man and true God. With respect to his human nature he is no longer on earth,<sup>[2]</sup> but with respect to his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Matt. 28:20.

[2] Matt. 26:11; John 16:28; 17:11; Acts 3:19-21; Heb. 8:4.

[3] Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:16-19; 16:13.

**Q. 48. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if his human nature is not present wherever his divinity is?**

**A.** Not at all, for his divinity has no limits and is present everywhere.<sup>[1]</sup> So it must follow that his divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which he has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 7:48, 49.

[2] John 1:14; 3:13; Col. 2:9.

**Q. 49. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?**

**A.** First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father.<sup>[1]</sup>

Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself.<sup>[2]</sup>

Third, he sends us his Spirit as a counter-pledge,<sup>[3]</sup> by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.<sup>[4]</sup>

[1] Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1.

[2] John 14:2; 17:24; Eph. 2:4-6.

[3] John 14:16; Acts 2:33; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5.

[4] Col. 3:1-4.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118  
Exodus 3:16—4:12  
Romans 12:1-21  
John 8:46-59  
Evening Psalter – 145

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 31  
Exodus 4:10-31  
1 Corinthians 14:1-19  
Mark 9:30-41  
Evening Psalter – 35

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 120, 121, 122, 123  
Exodus 5:1—6:1  
1 Corinthians 14:20-33, 39-40  
Mark 9:42-50  
Evening Psalter – 124, 125, 126, 127

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:145-176  
Exodus 7:8-24  
2 Corinthians 2:12—3:6  
Mark 10:1-16  
Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132, 133  
Exodus 7:25—8:19  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Mark 10:17-31  
Evening Psalter – 140, 142

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 22  
Exodus 9:13-35  
2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
Mark 10:32-45  
Evening Psalter – 141, 143

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144  
Exodus 10:21—11:10  
2 Corinthians 4:13-18  
Mark 10:46-52  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

## HOLY WEEK – SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

*Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent your Son to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in his patience and also have our portion in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### PASSION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29  
Zechariah 9:9-13  
1 Timothy 6:12-16  
Luke 19:41-48  
Evening Psalter – 103

### HOLY MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 51  
Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12  
2 Corinthians 1:1-7  
Mark 11:12-26  
Evening Psalter – 69:1-21

### HOLY TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 6, 12  
Lamentations 1:17-22  
2 Corinthians 1:8-22  
Mark 11:27-33  
Evening Psalter – 94

### HOLY WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 55  
Lamentations 2:1-9  
2 Corinthians 1:23—2:11  
Mark 12:1-11  
Evening Psalter – 74

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 102  
Lamentations 2:10-18  
1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32  
Mark 14:12-25  
Evening Psalter – 142, 143

### GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 22  
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33  
1 Peter 1:10-21  
John 13:36-38  
Evening Psalter – 40, 54

### HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 88  
Lamentations 3:37-58  
Hebrews 4:1-16  
Romans 8:1-11  
Evening Psalter – 27

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 50. Why is it added, And sits at the right hand of God?**

**A.** Christ ascended into heaven to manifest himself there as Head of his Church,<sup>[1]</sup> through whom the Father governs all things.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Eph. 1:20-23; Col. 1:18.

[2] Matt. 28:18; John 5:22, 23.

**Q. 51. How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?**

**A.** First, by his Holy Spirit he pours out heavenly gifts upon us, his members.<sup>[1]</sup> Second, by his power he defends and preserves us against all enemies.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Acts 2:33; Eph. 4:7-12.

[2] Ps. 2:9; 110:1, 2; John 10:27-30; Rev. 19:11-16.

**Q. 52. What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?**

**A.** In all my sorrow and persecution I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me.<sup>[1]</sup> He will cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but he will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into heavenly joy and glory.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Luke 21:28; Rom. 8:22-25; Phil. 3:20,21; Tit. 2:13, 14.

[2] Matt. 25:31-46; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; 2 Thess. 1:6-10.

## FIRST WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

*Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

#### Q. 53. What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

A. First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.<sup>[1]</sup>

Second, he is also given to me,<sup>[2]</sup> to make me by true faith share in Christ and all his benefits,<sup>[3]</sup> to comfort me,<sup>[4]</sup> and to remain with me forever.<sup>[5]</sup>

[1] Gen. 1:1, 2; Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3, 4; 1 Cor. 3:16.

[2] 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13.

[3] Gal. 3:14; 1 Pet. 1:2.

[4] John 15:26; Acts 9:31.

[5] John 14:16, 17; 1 Pet. 4:14.

#### RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150  
Exodus 12:1-14  
John 1:1-18  
Luke 24:13-35  
Evening Psalter – 113, 114

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 98  
Exodus 12:14-27  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8  
Evening Psalter – 66

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 103  
Exodus 12:28-39  
1 Corinthians 15:12-28  
Mark 16:9-20  
Evening Psalter – 111, 114

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99  
Exodus 12:40-51  
1 Corinthians 15:29-41  
Matthew 28:1-16  
Evening Psalter – 115

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147  
Exodus 13:3-10  
1 Corinthians 15:41-50  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Evening Psalter – 148, 149

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 136  
Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16  
1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Luke 24:1-12  
Evening Psalter – 118

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 145  
Exodus 13:17—14:4  
2 Corinthians 4:16—5:10  
Mark 12:18-27  
Evening Psalter – 104

## SECOND WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of the Lord's resurrection may by the help of your grace bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147  
Exodus 14:5-22  
1 John 1:1-7  
John 14:1-7  
Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3  
Exodus 14:21-31  
1 Peter 1:1-12  
John 14:8-17  
Evening Psalter – 4, 7

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 5, 6  
Exodus 15:1-21  
1 Peter 1:13-25  
John 14:18-31  
Evening Psalter – 10, 11

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24  
Exodus 15:22—16:10  
1 Peter 2:1-10  
John 15:1-11  
Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19  
Exodus 16:10-21  
1 Peter 2:11—3:12  
John 15:12-27  
Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17  
Exodus 16:22-36  
1 Peter 3:13—4:6  
John 16:1-15  
Evening Psalter – 134, 135

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21  
Exodus 17:1-16  
1 Peter 4:7-19  
John 16:16-33  
Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Q. 54. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Christian church?

A. I believe that the Son of God,<sup>[1]</sup> out of the whole human race,<sup>[2]</sup> from the beginning of the world to its end,<sup>[3]</sup> gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself,<sup>[4]</sup> by his Spirit and Word,<sup>[5]</sup> in the unity of the true faith,<sup>[6]</sup> a church chosen to everlasting life.<sup>[7]</sup> And I believe that I am<sup>[8]</sup> and forever shall remain a living member of it.<sup>[9]</sup>

[1] John 10:11; Acts 20:28; Eph. 4:11-13; Col. 1:18.

[2] Gen. 26:4; Rev. 5:9.

[3] Is. 59:21; 1 Cor. 11:26.

[4] Ps. 129:1-5; Matt. 16:18; John 10:28-30.

[5] Rom. 1:16; 10:14-17; Eph. 5:26.

[6] Acts 2:42-47; Eph. 4:1-6.

[7] Rom. 8:29; Eph. 1:3-14.

[8] 1 John 3:14, 19-21.

[9] Ps. 23:6; John 10:27, 28; 1 Cor. 1:4-9; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

### Q. 55. What do you understand by the communion of saints?

A. First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with him and share in all his treasures and gifts.<sup>[1]</sup>

Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Rom. 8:32; 1 Cor. 6:17; 12:4-7, 12, 13; 1 John 1:3.

[2] Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:20-27; 13:1-7; Phil. 2:4-8.

### Q. 56. What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins,<sup>[1]</sup> nor my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life,<sup>[2]</sup> but he will graciously grant me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Ps. 103:3, 4, 10, 12; Mic. 7:18, 19; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; 1 John 1:7; 2:2.

[2] Rom. 7:21-25.

[3] John 3:17, 18; 5:24; Rom. 8:1, 2.

## THIRD WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

*O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 57. What comfort does the resurrection of the body offer you?**

**A.** Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head,<sup>[1]</sup> but also this my flesh, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Luke 16:22; 23:43; Phil. 1:21-23.

[2] Job 19:25, 26; 1 Cor. 15:20, 42-46, 54; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2.

**Q. 58. What comfort do you receive from the article about the life everlasting?**

**A.** Since I now already feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,<sup>[1]</sup> I shall after this life possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived—a blessedness in which to praise God forever.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] John 17:3; Rom. 14:17; 2 Cor. 5:2, 3.

[2] John 17:24; 1 Cor. 2:9.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150  
Exodus 18:1-12  
1 John 2:7-17  
Mark 16:9-20  
Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Exodus 18:13-27  
1 Peter 5:1-14  
Matthew 1:1-17; 3:1-6  
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28  
Exodus 19:1-16  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Matthew 3:7-12  
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38  
Exodus 19:16-25  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17  
Exodus 20:1-21  
Colossians 1:24—2:7  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22  
Exodus 24:1-18  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Matthew 4:12-17  
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32  
Exodus 25:1-22  
Colossians 3:1-17  
Matthew 4:18-25  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

## FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

*Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow him that sin and death may never pluck us out of your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98  
Exodus 28:1-5, 30-38  
1 John 2:18-29  
Mark 6:30-44  
Evening Psalter – 103

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52  
Exodus 32:1-20  
Colossians 3:18—4:18  
Matthew 5:1-10  
Evening Psalter – 44

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45  
Exodus 32:21-35  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 5:11-16  
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72  
Exodus 33:1-23  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:17-20  
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50  
Exodus 34:1-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20  
Matthew 5:21-26  
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54  
Exodus 34:18-35  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Matthew 5:27-37  
Evening Psalter – 51

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55  
Exodus 40:18-38  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Matthew 5:38-48  
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 59. But what does it help you now that you believe all this?**

**A.** In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Hab. 2:4; John 3:36; Rom. 1:17; 5:1, 2.

**Q. 60. How are you righteous before God?**

**A.** Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.<sup>[1]</sup>

Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them,<sup>[2]</sup> and am still inclined to all evil,<sup>[3]</sup> yet God, without any merit of my own,<sup>[4]</sup> out of mere grace,<sup>[5]</sup> imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.<sup>[6]</sup> He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me,<sup>[7]</sup> if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.<sup>[8]</sup>

[1] Rom. 3:21-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8, 9; Phil. 3:8-11.

[2] Rom. 3:9, 10.

[3] Rom. 7:23.

[4] Deut. 9:6; Ezek. 36:22; Tit. 3:4, 5.

[5] Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8.

[6] Rom. 4:3-5; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 John 2:1, 2.

[7] Rom. 4:24, 25; 2 Cor. 5:21.

[8] John 3:18; Acts 16:30, 31; Rom. 3:22.

**Q. 61. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?**

**A.** Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God.<sup>[1]</sup> I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 1:30, 31; 2:2.

[2] Rom. 10:10; 1 John 5:10-12.



## FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 62. But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?**

**A.** Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God,<sup>[1]</sup> whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10.

[2] Is. 64:6.

**Q. 63. But do our good works earn nothing, even though God promises to reward them in this life and the next?**

**A.** This reward is not earned<sup>[1]</sup>; it is a gift of grace.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Matt. 5:12; Heb. 11:6.

[2] Luke 17:10; 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

**Q. 64. Does this teaching not make people careless and wicked?**

**A.** No. It is impossible that those grafted into Christ by true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Matt. 7:18; Luke 6:43-45; John 15:5.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29  
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36  
Hebrews 12:1-17  
Luke 4:16-30  
Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58  
Leviticus 16:1-19  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 6:1-16, 16-18  
Evening Psalter – 64, 65

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62  
Leviticus 16:20-34  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 6:7-15  
Evening Psalter – 68

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72  
Leviticus 19:1-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28  
Matthew 6:19-24  
Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 70, 71  
Leviticus 19:26-37  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12  
Matthew 6:25-34  
Evening Psalter – 74

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 106:1-18  
Leviticus 23:1-22  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17  
Matthew 7:1-12  
Evening Psalter – 106:19-48

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76  
Leviticus 23:23-44  
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18  
Matthew 7:13-20  
Evening Psalter – 23, 27

## SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

Lord, because you have promised to give what we ask in the name of your only-begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray and with all your saints to offer you our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96  
Leviticus 25:1-17  
James 1:2-18  
Luke 12:13-21  
Evening Psalter – 34

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80  
Leviticus 25:35-55  
Colossians 1:9-14  
Matthew 13:1-17  
Evening Psalter – 77, 79

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39  
Leviticus 26:1-20  
1 Timothy 2:1-6  
Matthew 13:18-23  
Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120  
Leviticus 26:27-42  
Ephesians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:41-46  
Evening Psalter – 68:1-20

### THURSDAY | ASCENSION DAY

Morning Psalter – 8, 47  
Daniel 7:9-14  
Hebrews 2:5-18  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Evening Psalter – 24, 96

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 85, 86  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Matthew 7:21-27  
Evening Psalter – 91, 92

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90  
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Matthew 7:28—8:4  
Evening Psalter – 136

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 65. Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all his benefits, where does this faith come from?**

**A.** From the Holy Spirit,<sup>[1]</sup> who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel,<sup>[2]</sup> and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] John 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; Eph. 2:8; Phil. 1:29.

[2] Rom. 10:17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25.

[3] Matt. 28:19, 20; 1 Cor. 10:16.

**Q. 66. What are the sacraments?**

**A.** The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by their use he might the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel.<sup>[1]</sup>

And this is the promise: that God graciously grants us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life because of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Gen. 17:11; Deut. 30:6; Rom. 4:11

[2] Matt. 26:27, 28; Acts 2:38; Heb. 10:10.

**Q. 67. Are both the Word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?**

**A.** Yes, indeed. The Holy Spirit teaches us in the gospel and assures us by the sacraments that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 3:27.

**Q. 68. How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the new covenant?**

**A.** Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Matt. 28:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

## SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

*O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 69. How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?**

**A.** In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing<sup>[1]</sup> and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Matt. 28:19.

[2] Matt. 3:11; Mark 16:16; John 1:33; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3, 4; 1 Pet. 3:21.

**Q. 70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?**

**A.** To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in sacrifice on the cross.<sup>[1]</sup>

To be washed with his Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] Ez. 36:25; Zech. 13:1; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rev. 1:5; 7:14.

[2] John 3:5-8; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:11, 12.

**Q. 71. Where has Christ promised that he will wash us with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?**

**A.** In the institution of baptism, where he says: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>[1]</sup>

He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.<sup>[2]</sup>

This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Matthew 28:19,

[2] Mark 16:16,

[3] Titus 3:5; Acts 22:16.

#### ASCENSION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67  
Exodus 3:1-12  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 10:17-24  
Evening Psalter – 19, 46

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18  
Joshua 1:1-9  
Ephesians 3:1-13  
Matthew 8:5-17  
Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99, 100  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
Matthew 8:18-27  
Evening Psalter – 94, 95

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109  
Isaiah 4:2-6  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
Matthew 8:28-34  
Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22  
Zechariah 4:1-14  
Ephesians 4:17-32  
Matthew 9:1-8  
Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102  
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Ephesians 5:1-33  
Matthew 9:9-17  
Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43, 108  
Ezekiel 36:22-28  
Ephesians 6:1-24  
Matthew 9:18-26  
Evening Psalter – 33

## WEEK OF PENTECOST – SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118  
Deuteronomy 16:9-12  
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33  
John 4:19-26  
Evening Psalter – 145

### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25  
Proverbs 10:1-12  
1 Timothy 1:1-17  
Matthew 12:22-32  
Evening Psalter – 9, 15

### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28  
Proverbs 15:16-33  
1 Timothy 1:18—2:8  
Matthew 12:33-42  
Evening Psalter – 36, 39

### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38  
Proverbs 17:1-20  
1 Timothy 3:1-16  
Matthew 12:43-50  
Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 37:1-18  
Proverbs 21:30—22:6  
1 Timothy 4:1-16  
Matthew 13:24-30  
Evening Psalter – 37:19-42

### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31  
Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2  
1 Timothy 5:17-25  
Matthew 13:31-35  
Evening Psalter – 35

### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32  
Proverbs 25:15-28  
1 Timothy 6:6-21  
Matthew 13:36-43  
Evening Psalter – 42, 43

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

**Q. 72. Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?**

**A.** No, only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Matt. 3:11; 1 Pet. 3:21; 1 John 1:7.

**Q. 73. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins?**

**A.** God speaks in this way for a good reason. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ remove our sins just as water takes away dirt from the body.<sup>[1]</sup>

But, even more important, he wants to assure us by this divine pledge and sign that we are as truly cleansed from our sins spiritually as we are bodily washed with water.<sup>[2]</sup>

[1] 1 Cor. 6:11; Rev. 1:5; 7:14.

[2] Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3, 4; Gal. 3:27.

**Q. 74. Should infants, too, be baptized?**

**A.** Yes. Infants as well as adults belong to God's covenant and congregation.<sup>[1]</sup> Through Christ's blood the redemption from sin and the Holy Spirit, who works faith, are promised to them no less than to adults.<sup>[2]</sup>

Therefore, by baptism, as sign of the covenant, they must be grafted into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.<sup>[3]</sup> This was done in the old covenant by circumcision,<sup>[4]</sup> in place of which baptism was instituted in the new covenant.<sup>[5]</sup>

[1] Gen. 17:7; Matt. 19:14.

[2] Ps. 22:11; Is. 44:1-3; Acts 2:38, 39; 16:31.

[3] Acts 10:47; 1 Cor. 7:14.

[4] Gen. 17:9-14.

[5] Col. 2: 11-13.